

ITEM # 1

PREPARED BY: LOU GEATER

APPROVED BY: _____
COUNTY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION HONORING MR. W. HAMILTON “HAM” SMYTHE, III FOR
EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF SHELBY COUNTY AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE SHELBY COUNTY AGRICENTER COMMISSION.
SPONSORED BY CHAIRMAN DEIDRE MALONE.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this Board of County Commissioners of Shelby County, Tennessee, should salute those citizens who, through their natural talents and unwavering commitment, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, This Resolution serves to honor and recognize Mr. Hamilton “Ham” Smythe, III, Chairman of the Shelby County Agricenter Commission; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Mr. Smythe was one of several local business leaders who conceived of the idea of the Agricenter as an economic engine for Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, With the support of the State of Tennessee and Shelby County government, Agricenter International was created, and Mr. Smythe was appointed to the seven-member Agricenter Commission ; and

WHEREAS, Under Mr. Smythe’s leadership as chairman of the Agricenter Commission, the Agricenter has become a profit-generating venture, whose total economic impact on Shelby County is estimated to exceed 524.3 million dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his duties as chairman of the Agricenter Commission, Mr. Smythe operates Yellow Cab & Premier Transportation, and is President of Paratransit Insurance Company, presently serves on the Board of Directors for the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy, and has founded or chaired the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis, the Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Greater Memphis Arts Council, Porter Leath Children’s Center, and the Wolf River Society For the Prevention of Taking Oneself Too Seriously; and

WHEREAS, Through all of his activities, Mr. Smythe still maintains a sense of humor and civic pride that all who know and love him have come to appreciate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That Mr. W. Hamilton “Ham” Smythe III is hereby recognized and commended for his outstanding service to the citizens of Shelby County as Chairman of the Shelby County Agricenter Commission.

A C Wharton, County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____